

## Commission on the Status of Men

Minutes – February 26 2010, 1 – 3:30 PM  
Legislative Office Building Room 206 - Concord, NH

1. Call to Order/Introduction of the Commissioners and Guests - 2 min - **Chairman Joe Mastromarino was absent. Members called the meeting to order at 1:10. Commissioners Larry Colby, Michael Geanoulis, David Lauren, Scott Meyer and Cam Sinclair were in attendance. One seat on the Commission remains empty awaiting the Governor and Governor's Executive Council approval of one of several interested applicants.**

**Guests were: None**

2. Adopt Agenda – **Members agreed that the meeting would be primarily about moving the 3<sup>rd</sup> Biennial Report forward. A motion to approve the agenda with this understanding was made**

**Motion: Michael**

**2<sup>nd</sup>: Cam**

**Discussion: None further and passed**

3. Secretary's Report/Approval Minutes – **Larry distributed the minutes. A motion was offered to approve them as written**

**Motion: Michael**

**2<sup>nd</sup>: Cam**

**Discussion: The motion was approved.**

**Larry said he would forward them with attachments to Scott Garman for inclusion on the Commission website**

4. Treasurer's Report – **No report was offered.**

a. NE Fathering Conference Sponsorship: Bill Payment – **Larry expressed his wish to have the \$500 dollar support check for the conference sent today. He also expressed an interest in coming up with an unwritten procedure for making timely payments after a vote by the Commission to authorize spending. Larry offered a motion to approve up to \$450 dollars for Mike to attend the conference**

**Motion: Larry**

**2<sup>nd</sup>: Cam**

**Discussion: Michael would like to informally represent the Commission at the series of workshops being held in Newport (RI). The conference is the 11<sup>th</sup> annual gathering of dads and fathering professionals from throughout New England. Mike also talked about his desire to receive prompt reimbursement, if the motion carries. David said he would alert Barry Bodell, NH Administrative Services about the expenditure and saw no reason why Michael could not be reimbursed on the day of the next meeting upon presentation of receipts. The motion carried**

5. Web Site Update – **Larry reported that he checked the NHCSM website and minutes are current through December with attachments**

6. Unfinished Business

a. Commission Seat Update – **Michael asked members to contact their NH Executive Councilor again and encourage their approval of any one of a number of qualified NH citizens who would like to fill the 7<sup>th</sup> seat on the Commission**

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b. Third NHCSM Biennial Draft Report – **Larry distributed a 3<sup>rd</sup> draft of Michael’s initial effort at crafting the report. David thanked Michael for his commitment and hard work on the document and all Commissioners concurred. The group made various suggestions on the document. All agreed on these points:**

- **Michael will share a 4<sup>th</sup> draft electronically with all members before the next meeting**
- **The 4<sup>th</sup> draft will incorporate the suggestions from today’s meeting**
- **All members will forward their suggestions for the conclusion/summary portion of the report as soon as possible and absolutely before the next meeting**
- **The 4<sup>th</sup> draft will be in paragraph format**
- **The draft will be submitted for final approval at the March 26 meeting of the Commission**

7. Public Input I -10 min – **None**

8. New Business

- a. **Finalize Third NHCSM Biennial Report – (Above)**

9. Announcements – 2 min

- a. **New Hampshire Parent Advocacy Day, April 15, Manchester**

b. **Michael expressed his concerns again that HB2, the ‘committee on committees’ will recommend shutting the Commission down. Members agreed that the work to understand and support the unique health issues of men, including male suicide needs to remain a focus for policy makers in the state. Members also agreed that significant work remains to be done in areas of men and education and fathers’ connections to their children. Members agreed to make individual appeals to NH lawmakers to continue the NH Commission on the Status of Men**

10. Public Input II – **None**

11. **The meeting ended at 3:33**

Next Meeting: Friday March 26 2010 1:00 – 3:30 PM  
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